

the admiration of all and the commendation of High Commanders.

5. Holding in affectionate memory the comrades who have fallen, justly proud of its glorious achievements already accomplished, the Division will devote itself untiringly to reorganization and rehabilitation in the confidence that when again called upon it will, as in the past, be found equal to any task that may be assigned to it.

E. M. LEWIS,  
Major General,  
Commanding.

October 22d, 1918.

## II American Corps.

Now that the American Corps has come out of the line for a well-earned period of rest and training, I desire to place on record my appreciation of the gallantry and the fine soldierly spirit they have displayed throughout the recent hard fighting.

The breaking of the great HINDENBURG system of defense, coupled with the capture of BRANCOURT, BUSIGNY and ST. SOULET, and finally the forcing of the passages of the SELLE river, constitute a series of victories of which each officer, N.C.O. and man has every reason to feel proud.

The Corps has been very well supported by the artillery of the Australian Corps, to whom I desire to offer my best thanks for their skill and endurance during the long months they have now been in action.

The efficiency with which the staff work of the Corps has been carried out on this their first experience as a fighting Corps in the line of battle has filled me with admiration, and I attribute it largely to the zeal and unity of purpose which has throughout animated the whole Corps.

The outstanding feature of their recent victories has been the surpassing gallantry and self-sacrifice of the regimental officers

and men. I congratulate them on their prowess and offer them one and all my warmest thanks for the leading part they have taken in the recent operations.

It is possible now to give the Corps a period of rest, during which special attention should be paid to the training of the smaller units in minor tactics, such as the attack of strong points and machine gun nests. The experience they have had of actual combat will assist them to improve their fighting efficiency in this respect.

In thanking the Corps as a whole for the great services they have rendered to the Allied cause, I desire to wish all ranks the best good fortune in the future.

RAWLINSON,  
Comdg., 4th British Army.

Busigny, October 27, 1918.

Commanding General, 30th Division.

Acting as a representative of the commune and in its name, consequently in the name too of a part of France, I take the liberty to come and express to our liberator and to the gallant troops under your command our feelings of deepest and eternal gratitude.

For those who have not been submitted, as we have for four years, to the intolerable and abhorred German yoke, it is difficult to realize how great were the relief, the joy, the well-being, in a word the unexpressible happiness we all felt when the first Allied troops made their way through our village, and this great event has been for us like the dawn of a resurrection.

I should be very thankful to you if you would convey to all your officers, N.C.O.'s and men under your command our deep feelings of admiration and eternal gratitude.

Please, Sir, accept the expression of my highest consideration, and believe me,

Yours most devotedly,  
The Mayor of Busigny,  
E. MAIRIS.